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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. The documents listed herein are copending applications disclosing related subject matter, and the documents listed on the PTO/SB/08 are documents presently of record in the copending applications, not already of record in the present application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Applicant's Name</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
10/019,562	Kozo AOKI et al.	December 31, 2001
10/019,668	Kozo AOKI et al.	January 2, 2002

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

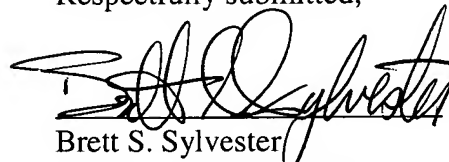
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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith copies of Communications from foreign patent offices in the listed copending applications citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Communications indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent offices.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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